International flights

Bonded Price City	(USD per Kilolitre) Basic Rate	Sales Tax	Total
Delhi	321.54	64.31	285.85
Mumbai	311.92	62.38	374.30
Kolkata	342.94	85.74	428.68
Chennai	304.66	88.35	393.01

The variation in price of ATF from airport to airport is due to difference in rates of sales tax from State to State and add-ons by Oil Companies for handling, distribution & profit margin etc. from airport to airport.

(c) Ministry of Civil Aviation has requested State Governments to consider reducing Sales Tax on ATF.

Losses due to air crashes

†21. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air crashes that occurred or were averted due to technical faults or other reasons during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for such mishaps and the details of the loss sufferred by Indian Airlines as a consequence thereof; and

(c)the steps taken/being taken by Government to avert the recurrence of accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI); (a) There have been 17 accidents to Indian civil registered aircraft during the last three years *i.e.* from 2001 to 2003 (till date)

(b) These aircrashes occurred due to technical snags or adverse weather conditions or human error. There was no accident to Indian Airlines aircraft during the last three years.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to avert the recurrence of air accidents :—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) 100% Monitoring of Flight Data Recorders;

(ii) Installation of Minimum Safe Altitude Warning System;

(iii) Installation of Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars;

(iv) Installation of Airborne collision Avoidance System;

(v) Installation of Transponders;

(vi) Installation of Ground Proximity Warning System;

(vii) Computerized monitoring of Flight Crew Duty Time Limitations, Training, Medical & Licence validity;

(viii) Detailed requirements for compliance of International civil Aviation Organisation Standards;

(ix) Safety Audit of the Operators;

(x) Training of Aviation Personnel under Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness.

Private Air lines' Service to Colombo

22. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow private airlines to operate to Colombo;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement entered between India and Colombo; and

(c) in what manner it will help in opening the skies to private players to other destinations of World?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) As per the recent Joint Statement issued during the visit of Sri Lankan Prime Minister to India, it has, *inter-alia,* been decided to encourage private scheduled airlines of India to expand their operations to airports in Sri Lanka.

(c) On the basis of permission to operate to Sri Lanka, it can not be presumed that the Private Operaters will be allowed to operate to other destinations of the world.